



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WDFW STRAY GULTCH, TEKISON CREEK ROAD
ABANDONMENT, COLOCKUM WILDLIFE AREA

Description of Proposal:

Tekison Creek Road and the Stray Gulch Road are primitive dirt roads within the WDFW's Colockum Wildlife Area. Both roads run parallel and adjacent to perennial streams, and are often flooded or washed out by high spring-time runoff. Both roads have erosion issues, as high spring-time flows spread into the roads and damage them. The proximity of the roads to these streams makes them potential sediment sources, damaging water quality for aquatic life. Both roads (especially the Tekison Road) are overgrown in places with vegetation. As portions of the road become unusable, new routes are pioneered by the public. The roads are also in the vicinity of some archaeologically sensitive areas that may be impacted by vehicle traffic. Riparian vegetation is listed as a priority habitat by WDFW making this a poor location for a public road. We need to abandon these roads to improve water quality and protect cultural resources.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal: Colockum Wildlife Area Kittitas County:

1. Stray Gulch Road (1.75 miles): Sections 31, 32 Township 20 North, Range 22 East WM;
2. Tekison Creek Road (2.5 miles): Sections 32, 33. Township 20 North, Range 22 East W.M., and Section 6. Township 19 North, Range 22 East W.M.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **November 18, 2011**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: November 3, 2011

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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